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In re patent application of:

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(Continuation of Appl. No. 09/471,803)

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For: **Nucleotide Sequences Coding for
the Export of Branched-Chain
Amino Acids, Process for the
Isolation Thereof and Use Thereof**

Art Unit: to be assigned
(1645 in parent case)

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Preliminary Amendment

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In advance of prosecution, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

Amendments

In the Specification:

Please amend the enclosed application by providing a new cross reference to related applications before the first line of the specification, which reads as follows:

-- Cross Reference to Related Applications

The present application is a division of U.S. application 09/471,803, filed on December 23, 1999, which claims priority to German application no. 199 51 708.8, filed October 27, 1999. --

Please delete the informal drawing filed with the application and replace it with the formal counterpart drawing attached hereto and labeled as Fig. 1.